Appln. No. 10/630,100 Amendment dated September 24, 2003 Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended as follows: Claim 1, line 20, the term "substantial" has been deleted.

No new matter is added by virtue of this claim amendment. Applicant also asserts that claim 1 has not been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo (Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 535 US 722, 112 S.Ct. 1831, 152 L.Ed.2d 944, 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002)). Rather, the present amendment is intended to broaden the scope of claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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